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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH No. 2019029094), MAJOR USE PERMIT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is circulating for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, along with a Major Use Permit (MUP) for the Boulder Brush Facilities. The DEIR can be reviewed at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/cega_public_review.html, at the Planning & Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, California 92123 and at the public library listed below. Comments on the DEIR must be sent to the PDS address listed below and should reference the project number and name.

BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES, PDS2019-ER-19-16-001, PDS2019-MUP-19-002

The Boulder Brush Facilities include an overhead 230 kilovolt generation transmission (gen-tie) line, a high voltage substation, a switchyard, in/out connection to the existing Sunrise Powerlink, and access roads on private land under the jurisdiction of the County of San Diego. The gen-tie line would carry wind generated energy from the proposed Campo Wind Facilities on the Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians Reservation to the substation and switchyard on private land. The gen-tie line on private land would be approximately 3.5 miles in length and would include approximately 32 steel poles at a maximum height of 150 feet. The Boulder Brush Facilities will be subject to a MUP. The in/out connection and the switchyard would be owned and operated by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and therefore would be under the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission.

The proposed facilities under the County's land use jurisdiction would be located within a 320-acre corridor in the McCain Valley area, north of the community of Boulevard and Interstate 8 (I-8), within the Mountain Empire Subregion of the County. Primary access would be provided from I-8 with local access through Ribbonwood Road.

For purposes of the DEIR, the Project consists of the Boulder Brush Facilities, as described above, and the Campo Wind Facilities that would be located within a 2,200-acre corridor on land leased from the Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians within the Reservation. The Project in the DEIR is referred to as the Campo Wind Project with Boulder Brush Facilities. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has jurisdiction over the portion of the Project within the Reservation. The Project would consist of the construction, operation, maintenance, and ultimately the decommissioning of a renewable wind energy generation project (252 megawatts). The proposed facilities on the

Reservation include 60 wind turbines, three permanent meteorological (MET) towers, six temporary MET towers, a collector substation, a 5-mile portion of the gen-tie line, an operations and maintenance facility, water collection and septic systems, an electrical collection and communications system, access roads, a temporary concrete batch plant, and an equipment staging and parking area for use during construction. The Project is anticipated to operate for the term of the Campo Reservation lease and any renewal extension (approximately 30 years, at minimum), after which it would be decommissioned, except for the SDG&E-owned and operated switchyard and connection lines to Sunrise Powerlink, which would not be decommissioned.

For the project as a whole, the DEIR identified significant environmental impacts to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Traffic and Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. Impacts to Aesthetics, Biological Resources, and Noise would remain significant and unavoidable, even with implementation of mitigation measures. All other potential significant impacts would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures.

Comments on the DEIR must be received by the County no later than **February 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** The DEIR can be reviewed at County PDS and at the Jacumba Branch Library, 44605 Old Highway 80, Jacumba. A public meeting will be held on the DEIR on January 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Backcountry Resource Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Road, Boulevard.

Comments on the DEIR must be sent to Susan Harris, Planning & Development Services, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123 or emailed to Susan.Harris@sdcounty.ca.gov

For additional information regarding the Project, please contact Nicholas Koutoufidis at (858) 495-5329 or by e-mail at Nicholas.Koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project. Information on the NEPA process and the EIS is available at www.campowind.com